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Applicant: Makoto SHIMOSAKA et al.
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SINGLE CRYSTAL
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the present Application, Applicants respectfully request that the present application be amended as set forth below.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: